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MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 3, 2007, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 4 and 9-10, drawn to an inhibitor of a Vav protein, a therapeutic combination and a pharmaceutical composition comprising an inhibitor of a Vav protein. As the species election requirement is understood, an election is only necessary if Group I of the restriction was elected. Applicant elects without traverse.

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